

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

[0033] An improved system and method for mounting instrument components is provided for use in facilitating the tuning and retuning procedures of string instruments. The improved system comprises a component having a stud aperture at each end and a mounting apparatus. The mounting apparatus further comprises a mounting device or stud and an insert ~~stud body or locking stud body~~ having a plate, an aperture portion, and a threaded bottom portion. The threaded bottom portion is removably fastened into the instrument. Subsequently, the component is positioned such that the stud aperture is located over the plate. Next, the mounting device is fastened into the aperture portion of the insert ~~locking stud body~~ such that the mounting device clamps down on the component. In a further embodiment, adjustment screws may be utilized to laterally position the component relative to the insert ~~locking stud body~~ and the mounting device.